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For: QUANTITATIVE PCR METHOD OF
DETECTING SPECIFIC PLANT GENUS IN
FOOD OR FOOD INGREDIENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Communication dated March 31, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.